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5. A beverage according to claim 1 wherein the preservative system contains 50 to 150 ppm benzoic acid.
6. A beverage according to claim 1 wherein the preservative system contains 1 to 100 ppm of one or more of the essential oils.
7. A beverage according to claim 1 wherein the beverage is a tea based beverage.
8. A beverage according to claim 7 wherein the beverage contains 0.01 to 3% tea solids.
9. A beverage according to claim 1 wherein the preservative system comprises 1 to 30 ppm cinnamic acid, 50 to 150 ppm sorbic acid, 1 to 30 ppm citral dimethyl acetal, 1 to 40 ppm cumic alcohol, and 1 to 20 myrtenol and piperonyl acetate.
10. A method for preparing an ambient-stable tea based beverage suitable for cold filing comprising preserving a tea extract with a preservative system comprising 1 to 175 ppm cinnamic acid, 10 to 200 ppm sorbic acid or benzoic acid, and at least one essential oil other than cinnamic acid.